years 1987 and 1988 and again on 6th August 1990. But this proposal did not figure among those recommended by the committee.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Recommendations of Prashar Committee

4207. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the decisions taken by Government on the twenty first recommendations of the Parashar Committee appointed in July, 1987?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): The 21 recommendations made by the Parashar Committee covered inter alia various subjects like review of the concept of district pattern of sorting, strengthening mail monitoring work, evolving systematic and periodical review and revision of mail arrangements and re-introductions of sorting in running sections. While the recommendations made by the Parashar Committee in respect of most of the items have been taken into account in streamlining various instructions, no final decision has yet been taken on the question of restoration of sorting in running sections.

Provision of Telephone Connections

4208. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1195 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st December, 1992 and state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to recent reports that the Department of Telecommunications has drawn up a plan to provide telephone connections within six months to the registrants under OYT category in major exchanges all over the country by March, 1993;

(b) what is the anticipated number of registrants waiting for the grant of telephone connections by the end of March, 1993 both to OYT and General Category; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to clear this number within the short period of time?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No such Plan has been drawn Sir. However effort are being made to clear the OYT waiting list of more than a months old at the earliest.

(b) The waiting list under various categories as on 31-10-92 is

OYT	2.00 lakhs
Non-OYT	26.53 lakhs

Waiting list projection as on 31-3-93 based on past trend is likely to be around 30 lakhs. However actual break-up between OYT and Non-OTY waiting list depends on the preference of the subscribers while registering for new connections.

(c) 8th five year Plan envisages to provide 75 lakh new Telephone connections during the plan period to meet the demand. The objectives in this regard are:

Telephone connection practically on demand in the rural/Tribal areas, and small and medium towns.

Connection within two years of the registration of telephone in the large cities by the end of the 8th plan period subject to the availability of the resources.

Expansion programmes for major exchange system is being drawn accordingly and supply of required equipment and cable is being arranged.

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4209. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार हरियाणा के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में कार्यरत डाक विभाग विभागेत्तर कर्मचारियों की आर्थिक स्थिति के